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As a representative of the Assignee, Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc., an Indiana corporation, I hereby appoint the Practitioners associated with the Customer Number 000046333 to act as our attorneys or agents to prosecute applications filed under Customer Number 000046333 and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith.

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The undersigned is the representative for the Assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the patent application submitted herewith. A copy of the assignment or other documents in the chain of title, if applicable, are attached.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the Assignee.

Sept. 1, 2009  
Date

Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc.  
By: Noreen C. Johnson  
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Vice President, Chief Patent Counsel  
Title

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: Vincent Bryan and Alex KunzlerApplication No./Patent No.: 09/776,394Filed/Issue Date: February 2, 2001Titled: HUMAN SPINAL DISC PROSTHESISWarsaw Orthopedic, Inc., a Corporation

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Julie M. Nickols

Printed or Typed Name



Date

Appointed Practitioner

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Vincent BRYAN and Alex KUNZLER, have invented certain improvements in "Human Spinal Disc Endoprosthesis" for which we have filed an application for United States Letters Patent on May 15, 1997, assigned U.S. Serial No. 856,513, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,865,846; and

WHEREAS, SPINAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION, a corporation having an office at 9655 SE 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 110, Mercer Island, WA, 98040-3732, desires to purchase same;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid by SPINAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed the entire right, title and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 5,865,846 and in and to any reissues, renewals, divisionals, or continuations thereof, or corresponding foreign applications that claim benefit thereof, together with all claims for damages by reason of past infringement of the patents and the right to sue for and collect such damages for its own use, the same to be held and enjoyed by SPINAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION for its own use and enjoyment and the use and enjoyment of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives to the full end of the term for which the patents are granted or reissued as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made. Further, we bind ourselves, our legal representatives, administrators and assigns properly to execute without further consideration any and all applications, petitions, oaths and assignments or other papers

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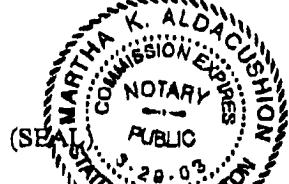
and instruments which may be necessary in order to carry into full force and effect the sale,  
 assignment, transfer and conveyance made or intended to be made.

Vincent Bryan  
 Vincent Bryan

Alex Kunzler  
 Alex Kunzler

STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
 COUNTY OF King ) ss.  
 )

On this 2d day of February, 2001, before me, a notary public, came Vincent  
 Bryan, to me known and known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing  
 assignment, and he duly acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.



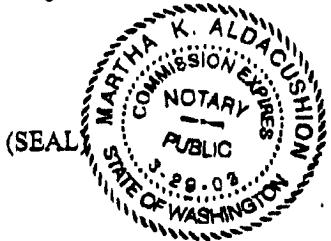
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Martha Aldacushion  
 Notary Public

My Commission expires: March 29, 2003

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On this 2d day of February, 2001, before me, a notary public, came Alex Kunzler,  
to me known and known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing  
assignment, and he duly acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.



Martha K. Aldacushion

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